

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1 **Claim 1 (currently amended):** A trimmer comprising a cutting
2 head having a guard housing a cutter means, a shaft for
3 supporting the cutting head, roller means rotatably mounted with
4 respect to the cutting head, and drive means for driving the
5 cutter means, the roller means being located entirely outside the
6 guard on the drive means side thereof, the cutting head being
7 connected to the shaft by connection means permitting the cutting
8 head to be positioned with its cutter means either substantially
9 horizontal or substantially vertical, the roller means being
10 sized to contact the ground when the cutter means is
11 substantially vertical and to circumscribe ~~the~~ an axis of
12 rotation of the drive means, the arrangement being such that the
13 cutter means extends beyond the circumference of the roller
14 means.

1 **Claim 2 (original):** A trimmer as claimed in claim 1,
2 wherein the connection means is constituted by a rotatable joint.

1 **Claim 3 (currently amended):** A trimmer ~~as claimed in claim~~
2 ~~2,~~ comprising a cutting head having a guard housing a cutter
3 means, a shaft for supporting the cutting head, roller means
4 rotatably mounted with respect to the cutting head, and drive
5 means for driving the cutter means, the roller means being

6 located outside the guard on the drive means side thereof, the
7 cutting head being connected to the shaft by connection means
8 permitting the cutting head to be positioned with its cutter
9 means either substantially horizontal or substantially vertical,
10 the roller means being sized to contact the ground when the
11 cutter means is substantially vertical and to circumscribe an
12 axis of rotation of the drive means, the arrangement being such
13 that the cutter means extends beyond the circumference of the
14 roller means, wherein the connection means is constituted by a
15 rotatable joint, and wherein the rotatable joint is constituted
16 by a ball-and-socket joint.

1 **Claim 4 (original):** A trimmer as claimed in claim 3,
2 wherein the ball is fixed to the cutting head by a neck portion,
3 and the socket is defined by a generally spherical socket portion
4 provided at one end of the shaft.

1 **Claim 5 (previously presented):** A trimmer as claimed in
2 claim 4, wherein the roller means is a wheel.

Claims 6-18 (canceled)

1 **Claim 19 (previously presented):** A trimmer as claimed in
2 claim 5, wherein the wheel is detachably mounted on the
3 connection means.

1 **Claim 20 (previously presented):** A trimmer as claimed in
2 claim 19, wherein the wheel is detachably mounted on the neck

3 portion.

1 **Claim 21 (previously presented):** A trimmer as claimed in
2 claim 20, wherein the wheel is formed with a break in its
3 circumferential region, portions of said region adjacent to the
4 break being formed with complementary, detachably-engagable
5 connections.

1 **Claim 22 (previously presented):** A trimmer as claimed in
2 claim 21, wherein the wheel has first and second generally semi-
3 circular wheel members, first ends of which are pivotally
4 connected together, the second ends of the wheel members being
5 formed with complementary, detachably-engagable connectors.

1 **Claim 23 (previously presented):** A trimmer as claimed in
2 claim 21, wherein the inner circumferential region of the wall
3 and the neck portion are formed with complementary,
4 interengagable location means.

1 **Claim 24 (previously presented):** A trimmer as claimed in
2 claim 23, wherein the wheel is formed with an inwardly-projecting
3 flange on its inner circumferential region, the flange being
4 engagable within a complementary recess formed in the neck
5 portion.

1 **Claim 25 (previously presented):** A trimmer as claimed in
2 claim 4, wherein the drive means comprises a motor and a drive
3 shaft, the drive shaft passing through the roller means.

1 **Claim 26 (previously presented):** A trimmer as claimed in
2 claim 25, wherein the cutter means is rotatable, and the drive
3 engagement between the motor and the cutter means is a rotatable
4 drive engagement.

1 **Claim 27 (previously presented):** A trimmer as claimed in
2 claim 25, wherein the motor is an electric motor.

1 **Claim 28 (previously presented):** A trimmer as claimed in
2 claim 27, wherein the motor is housed within the ball.

1 **Claim 29 (previously presented):** A trimmer as claimed in
2 claim 1, wherein a rotatable cutter line constitutes the cutter
3 means.

1 **Claim 30 (currently amended):** A trimmer as claimed in claim
2 1, wherein ~~the~~an axis of rotation of the roller means is
3 substantially coincident with ~~the~~an axis of rotation of the
4 cutter means.

1 **Claim 31 (previously presented):** A trimmer as claimed in
2 claim 30, wherein the radius of the roller means is of the order
3 of, but slightly less than, the effective radius of the cutter
4 means.

1 **Claim 32 (new):** A trimmer as claimed in claim 1, wherein
2 the roller means is located between the drive means and the

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3 cutter means.

1 Claim 33 (new): A trimmer as claimed in claim 1, wherein
2 roller means is located adjacent to the guard.